



Executive Officer's Statement

January 19, 2006

Governor Taps Aguiar To Serve As Cabinet Secretary

Effective February 1, 2006, the VCGCB's Chair and the State and Consumer Services Agency (SCSA) Secretary Fred Aguiar will move to the Capitol following his recent appointment by Governor Schwarzenegger as Cabinet Secretary.

The Cabinet Secretary is the direct liaison between the Governor and cabinet members, including all agency directors and department directors. George Valverde, Undersecretary at SCSA, will serve as acting Agency Secretary until a permanent Secretary is selected. In this capacity, he will also preside over the monthly VCGCB meetings. Changes to the VCGCB's letterhead will be made once a permanent Agency Secretary is named.

Strategic Planning Update

On January 25-26, the VCGCB Executive Staff will participate in offsite meetings in Sacramento in continuance of the ongoing efforts to develop a new strategic plan for the VCGCB.

New VCGCB Accounting System Will Provide Real-time Financial Data

In January, the VCGCB finalized the purchase of its new accounting system software, Fundware. Contracted Fiscal Services (CFS) at the Department of General Services supplies the VCGCB with accounting services now, and will continue to do so. However, CFS reports are not available until 60 to 90 days after the end of the month. The great benefit of the new accounting software is that it will provide immediate access to data to help the VCGCB Executive staff make informed business decisions and more accurately forecast revenues and expenditures. Fundware will also support the VCGCB by enabling accounting staff to store, access, and manage information through technology.

VCGCB Executive Officer Attend California District Attorneys Association's Winter Conference

Executive Officer Karen McGagin will attend the California District Attorneys Association's (CDAA) Winter Conference titled, "Into the Future: Premier Crime Victims' Rights and Services for California" in Palm Springs on January 23. This event is co-sponsored by CDAA and the California Victim/Witness Coordinating Council (CVWCC). Elected district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, Victim Witness Center directors and representatives of the Office of Emergency Services, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the Attorney General's Office are also scheduled to attend.

VCGCB Executive Officer and Deputy Executive Officer Attend Inaugural Victim Advisory Council Meeting

Roderick Hickman, Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), has invited Karen McGagin, Executive Officer, and Laura Hill, Deputy Executive Officer of the Revenue Recovery and Accounting Division, to serve on the new CDCR Victim Advisory Council (Council). They will attend the first meeting on January 20, 2006. The Council will meet

twice yearly to help CDCR develop policies, programs, and practices that are sensitive to the needs of crime victims, and develop recommendations for implementation of needed services.

VCGCB Updates**Outreach Visits to Joint Powers Counties**

VCGCB staff will visit verification units in victim witness centers located in Humboldt, Santa Cruz, and Tulare Counties in January.

Revenue Recovery and Accounting Division Activities

Revenue Recovery and Accounting Division staff members gave a number of training presentations throughout the state. Below is a list of trainees and training dates:

- December 6: Alameda County Probation, Oakland, CA 10 Attendees
- December 13: Santa Cruz Probation and Deputy District Attorney, Santa Cruz, CA, 21 Probation Officers and 9 Deputy District Attorneys
- January 6: Tulare County Probation and Deputy District Attorney, Visalia, California, 9 Probation Officers and 30 Deputy District Attorneys